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	First Named Inventor	Cheryl Steed, et al.	
	Art Unit	3728	
	Examiner Name	Marie D. Patterson	
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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicants: Cheryl STEED, et al.

Serial No: 09/922,239

Group Art Unit: 3728

Filed: August 3, 2001

Examiner: Marie D. Patterson

Att. Docket No.: G2001/20004

Confirmation No.: 7541

For: Disposable Shoe Insert

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION (MPEP §711.03(c)II)**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive an Office Action.

Applicants filed a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A) dated August 5, 2003 appointing the undersigned's law firm as attorneys of record. A return receipt post card (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B) dated August 18, 2003 confirms receipt of the Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney by the PTO.

Applicants filed an RCE dated August 27, 2003 in response to an Office Action (dated April 18, 2003). A return receipt post card (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C) confirms receipt of this response and identifies the undersigned's law firm.

By February 2004, when no Office Action was received from the PTO based on the previously-filed RCE, several inquiries were made to the PTO and the undersigned's law firm was

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told that an Office Action had been issued in September 2003. A call was placed with Examiner Patterson on March 29, 2004 but no response was received.

On April 16, 2004, the undersigned's law firm received a Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney dated April 14, 2004 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D).

On May 27, 2004, Scott Slomowitz, a partner in the undersigned's law firm, contacted Examiner Patterson to request a copy of the September 2003 Office Action in order to prepare a response to accompany this petition. The Examiner had Mr. Larry Schwartz fax a copy of the September 2003 Office Action to the undersigned's law firm on June 1, 2004. A copy of the September 2003 Office Action is attached as Exhibit E. As can be seen, the September 24, 2003 Office Action was never sent to the undersigned's law firm but rather was sent to the law firm (Gottlieb, Rackman & Reisman, P.C.) whose powers had been revoked in August 2003 (see Exhibit A). Furthermore, the "Office Action Summary" sheet confirms that the September 24, 2003 Office Action was responsive to the communication (i.e, the RCE) received by the PTO on September 2, 2003 (see Exhibit C).

The Office Action dated September 24, 2003 was not received by the undersigned's law firm and that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicate that that Office Action was not received. Enclosed as Exhibit F is a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application went abandoned based on PTO error, not on the part of Applicants, and therefore no fee is due. However, if it is

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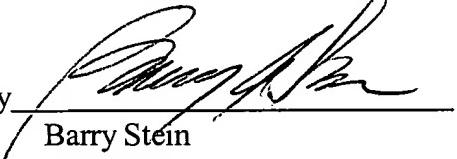
deemed appropriate, the PTO is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 03-0075.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and have enclosed herewith a response (see attached Exhibit G) to the Office Action for consideration by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

CAESAR, RIVISE, BERNSTEIN,  
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For : **DISPOSABLE SHOE INSERT**  
Group Art Unit : 3728  
Examiner : Marie D. Patterson

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**REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
APPOINTMENT OF NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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CHERYL STEED and MARIA RODEK, the applicants and inventors of the above-entitled invention, hereby revoke all previous Powers of Attorney granted in the above-identified patent application and do hereby appoint Alan H. Bernstein (Registration No. 19,315); Stanley H. Cohen (Registration No. 20,235); Manny D. Pokotilow (Registration No. 22,492); Barry A. Stein (Registration No. 25,257); Martin L. Faigus (Registration No. 24,364); Eric S. Marzluf (Registration No. 27,454); Robert S. Silver (Registration No. 35,681); Scott M. Slomowitz (Registration No. 39,032); Michael J. Berkowitz (Registration No. 39,607); David M. Tener (Registration No. 37,054); James J. Kozuch (Registration No. 39,733); Frank M. Linguiti (Registration No. 32,424);

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All correspondence in connection with this application should be sent to **Barry A. Stein**, at Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen & Pokotilow, Ltd., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Seven Penn Center, 1635 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2212. Telephone: (215) 567-2010. Telecopier: (215) 751-1142.

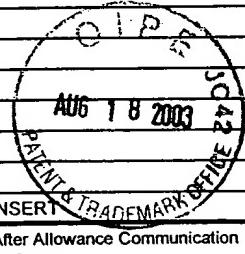
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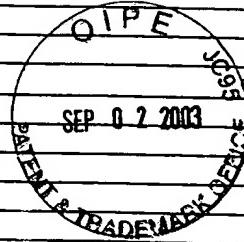
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The Power of Attorney in this application is accepted. Correspondence in this application will be mailed to the above address as provided by 37 CFR 1.33.



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**NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This is in response to the Power of Attorney filed 03/29/2004.

- The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the applicant. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).



  
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CAESAR, RIVISE, BERNSTEIN  
COTEN & GROTHOW, LTD.**Larry I. Schwartz****United States Patent & Trademark Office****Customer Service Center, Technology Center 3700****703/306-5648****Date:** 6/1/04**Total # of pages including cover sheet:** 7**To:** Scott Slomowitz      **Recipient Fax:** 215-751-1142**From:** Larry I. Schwartz  
Administrator  
Customer Service Center      **Sender Fax:** 703-872-9301**Memo:**

Attached is a copy of the last Office Action for SN 09/922,239 as requested.

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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	OS
	09/922,239	STEED ET AL	
	Examiner Marie Patterson	Art Unit 3728	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 September 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.                    2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 49-61 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 58 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 49-57, and 59-61 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.  
 If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All
  - b) Some \*
  - c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
  - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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***Election/Restrictions***

1. Claim 58 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 7.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 49-57, and 59-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oakley (4864740) in view of Ogden (5388349) and/or Cintron (5675914) and Watt (4808458).

Oakley shows an insert comprising a synthetic non woven fabric layer (4), a non slip material (12, or coatings see column 3 lines 60-64), a material layer (10), and a surfactant on the fabric (column 3 lines 14-16) substantially as claimed except for the exact material for the synthetic non-woven fabric layer. Oakley states that the coefficient of friction for the bottom surface (16) of material (12) is greater than 170 (column 3 lines 40-45). Ogden teaches adjusting the coefficient of friction of a synthetic non woven top surface of an insert to above 0.5 (see column 11 lines 50-57). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the top having a coefficient of friction of between 0.52 and 0.82 which is above 0.5 as suggested by Ogden and within a common range of coefficients of friction

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of commonly used insole materials (such as leathers, synthetic leathers, etc.), since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. In re Aller, 105 USPQ 233. It would have been obvious to provide the top layer with a coefficient of friction of above 0.5 as taught by Ogden in the inert of Oakley to increase the feeling of control of the footwear. Also, Cintron teaches the well known and conventional use of suede materials for the top layers of inserts (column 3 lines 1-2). Watt teaches a specific suede-like material (i.e. fake suede, synthetic suede) which has vertically disposed fibers (18). It would have been obvious to use a suede material as suggested by Cintron and to use the synthetic suede-like material taught by Watt for the nonwoven layer of the insert of Oakley to provide a soft and comfortable feel.

#### *Response to Arguments*

4. Applicant's arguments filed 9/2/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicants' argument that the material layer of Ogden is not a synthetic nonwoven, layer 4 of Ogden is synthetic (thermoplastic) material and it is nonwoven (not woven, it is extruded in sheet form, column 6 line 52). Ogden states that the vinyl acetate content of the thermoplastic material is variable to alter the coefficient of friction (column 6 lines 45-51) and clearly states that it is desirable to vary the coefficient of friction and teaches a coefficient of friction above 0.5 (column 11 lines 1-57). It would appear that it would have been obvious through discovery of workable ranges by one having routine skill in the art and as suggested by Ogden to merely raise

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the vinyl acetate content of the layer 20 to obtain a coefficient of friction of between 0.52 and 0.82 which are clearly above 0.5 and which is only a small amount above the 0.5 as suggested by Ogden to provide an enganced feeling of control (as suggested by Ogden).

In response to applicants' arguments directed towards Cintron, Cintron has been merely used as a linking reference to show that it is well known and conventional to use suede like materials for the top of footwear inserts. Watt has been applied to show a specific suede like material. The material of Watt is clearly synthetic, nylon, polyester, polypropylene, etc. (see column 2 lines 15-20 and 40-50). Also, since this material is very similar if not the same material disclosed by applicant, i.e. a sythnetic suede like material made with the vertical fibers being made from polyester or nylon fibers, the coefficient of friction of this material is considered to be inherently within the ranges claimed.

1. Telephone inquiries regarding the status of application or other general questions, by persons entitled to the information, "should be directed to the group clerical personnel and not to the Examiners. In as much as the official records and applications are located in the clerical section of the examining groups, the clerical personnel can readily provide status information without contacting the examiners", M.P.E.P. 203.08. The Group clerical receptionist number is (703) 308-1148 or the **Tech Center 3700 Customer Service Center number is (703) 306-5648**. For applicant's convenience, the Group Technological Center FAX number is (703) 872-9302. (Note that the Examiner **cannot** confirm receipt of faxes) Please identify Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ of Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_ at the top of your cover sheet of any correspondence submitted.

Inquiries only concerning the merits of the examination should be directd to Marie Patterson whose telephone number is (703) 308-0069.

If in receiving this Office Action it is apparent to applicant that certain documents are missing, e.g. copies of references cited, form PTO-1449, for PTO-892, etc. requests for copies of such papers should be directed to (703) 308-1337.

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FR	N	RESP TO FINAL REJECT	4/18/2003	3M	7/18/2003	31	10/18/2003	2	8/27/2003		1M	Y	YY
VR	Y	REVOCATION/POA	8/5/2003						8/14/2003				
CX	Y	RQST CONTINUED EXAM	8/27/2003										
E2	N	2 MONTH EXT OF TIME	7/18/2003	2M	9/18/2003	0	9/18/2003	0	8/27/2003		1M	Y	YY
NA	N	NOTICE OF APPEAL	4/18/2003	6M	10/18/2003		10/18/2003	0	8/27/2003		1M	Y	YY
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